

The Use of Incentives by SES Providers

Background

Beginning in school year 2006-07, the Department of Public Instruction required all approved providers of supplemental educational services (SES) to sign an assurance stating the provider would provide only educational incentives for attendance for achievement. Incentives for signing up to receive services from specific providers (“signing bonuses”) are prohibited.

Incentive Use

Below is a proposed list of acceptable and not acceptable educational incentives. This list is not exhaustive, and it is intended only as a guideline for determining appropriate educational incentives.

ACCEPTABLE EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES

Books
Educational software
Highlighters, markers, etc.
Magazines, comic books
Museum field trips

NOT ACCEPTABLE EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES

iPods
Mall cards
Borders gift cards
Movie passes
Pizza parties

If a provider receives donations of non-educational items that it would like to distribute as incentives, it may do so. Donated items are only to be used for attendance and achievement. Additionally, the provider must have clear documentation available to demonstrate that incentives were donated and not purchased with federal dollars. Documentation must be maintained by the provider, and documentation should include, at a minimum, a letter stating the type and date of donations. Letters should be dated and signed by the donator.

If you have any questions about the use of incentives, please contact:

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